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Applicants:

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Examiner:

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 November 10, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2005, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 1, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Drawings describing changes to drawings shown in the Appendix begin on page 9.

Remarks are included following the amendments.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks.